

# WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important  
Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments  
and Pacific Northwest and Other  
Things Worth Knowing.

Private advices received in Washington Tuesday in Mexican circles said Francisco Villa's forces captured Chihuahua City Monday. The advices were without official confirmation.

Estonian and Finnish forces have taken Petrograd, according to an unconfirmed telegram from Varsoe received by the National Tidende at Copenhagen.

The Utah State Press association in convention at Salt Lake City, adopted resolutions favoring the return of the railroads to private ownership. They also favored the league of nations covenant.

The report of the killing Sunday of Miguel Otto, an American, by Yaquis, near La Colorada, Sonora, was confirmed Tuesday. Otto's body was found, stripped of clothing, mutilated and with a bullet hole through the head.

Two men were shot to death and two others were dangerously wounded in a riot late Tuesday night growing out of the labor disturbances involving 13,000 employees of the Willys-Overland Automobile company at Toledo, O.

Sweden and Denmark have notified the peace conference that they will not join in a blockade of Germany in the event of a German refusal to sign the peace treaty. They state that a blockade could be made effective without their violating their neutrality.

Modification of the war-time prohibition law so the working man may have light wines and beer was urged Tuesday by representatives of organized labor. Plea was made at the first of the hearings by the house judiciary committee upon liquor measures.

Toronto's "general" strike in sympathy with striking metal workers ended Tuesday night, when representatives of the various unions involved voted to accede to the request of the metal trades council that sympathetic strikers return to work. This decision affects between 6000 and 8000 workers.

Prominent business men of Tokio have met to discuss the project of laying a new cable line between Japan and the United States. Committees will be appointed to study the question. The persistent delay in cable messages has aroused public opinion to such an extent that active interest is being taken in the possibility of laying another cable.

A strike of union Morse and multiple operators at the Western Union offices at Atlanta, Ga., in support of the striking employees of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company was voted Tuesday night by the local council of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America. It was announced by Charles F. Mann, a vice-president of the union.

Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, speaking in the house of commons Saturday, foreshadowed the possibility of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Russia by the end of summer, owing to the favorable situation.

A resolution directing the house foreign affairs committee to investigate the amount of American-owned Russian bonds, and the plans for their interest payment, was introduced Friday by Representative Mason, republican, of Illinois.

A nation-wide campaign for a congressional investigation of lynching has been inaugurated as a result of the mob murder of Jay Lynch, a white man, at Lamar, Mo., the national association for the advancement of colored people announced Saturday.

The Salvation Army's campaign for a \$12,000,000 home service fund has passed its goal, according to latest reports Friday.

Lieutenant E. S. Wisdom of the army aviation school at Rockwell field, North Island, was killed Friday when an airplane in which he and Lieutenant E. R. Kelly were flying came down near Ramona, about 30 miles from San Diego, Cal. Lieutenant Wisdom's home was San Francisco.

## TERMS TOO HARSH SAYS FOE

German Assent to Sign Would Be Executing "Death Sentence."

Washington, D. C.—Germany, although realizing that she must make sacrifices to obtain peace, is convinced that the execution of the peace treaty as drawn is "more than the German people can bear."

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, thus sums up the attitude of the German nation towards the proposed treaty of peace in a note to the allied and associated powers, outlining various German counter proposals. The German note, delivered to Premier Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, last Thursday, was made public Sunday night by the state department.

The German delegation nowhere in its note asserts that it will refuse to sign the present treaty, but declares on behalf of the German nation that "even in her need, justice for her is too sacred a thing to allow her to stoop to accept conditions which she cannot undertake to carry out."

Exclusion of Germany from the league of nations, the note asserts, means that in signing the peace treaty, Germany would be executing a "decree for its own proscription, nay, its own death sentence."

The German people, the note says, have been disappointed in their hope for a peace of justice which had been promised and stands "aghast" at the demands made upon them by the "victorious violence of our enemies."

The German delegation agrees to reduction of Germany's army and navy on condition that Germany be admitted immediately to the league of nations; to renounce Germany's sovereign rights in Alsace-Lorraine and Posen, but as to all other territories which Germany is called upon to give up the principle of self-determination, applicable at once, is asked; to subject all German colonies to administration by the league of nations, but under German mandatory and to make the indemnity payments as required, but in amounts that will burden the German taxpayer no more heavily than the taxpayer of the most heavily burdened nation among those represented on the reparations commission.

The note declares Germany is willing to pool her entire merchant marine with that of the associated powers. Neutral participation in the inquiry as to responsibility for the war is asked.

## RHINE REPUBLIC'S BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mayence.—The Rhine republic was proclaimed Sunday in various Rhine cities. The population welcomed the event with satisfaction and expressed the hope that it would put an end to the painful uncertainty prevailing in the Rhine provinces regarding the allied nations and Germany.

The new government is headed by Dr. Dorden. It has been installed provisionally at Wiesbaden. Dr. Dorden addressed a message to the different governments and to the peace conference.

## Many Die in Theater Fire.

Valence-sur-Rhone.—Fire broke out during the performance in a moving picture house here and a large number of persons were killed or injured. Early the list of dead had reached 80, the bodies of 53 children and 21 women having been found. The injuries of most of those taken from the building were slight. Four thousand spectators were in the theater and when the fire broke out many children were trampled on.

## Epidemic Strikes Babies

Los Angeles.—An epidemic of bacterial dysentery, which already has caused the death of three children, has appeared in the Antelope valley, about 50 miles northeast of Los Angeles, according to a statement here Sunday night by Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles county health officer.

## England Has Oil Well.

London.—For the first time, mineral oil of high quality and in considerable quantities, even at its first flow, has been discovered in England. For some months past, through the initiative of Lord Cowdray, experimental borings have been in progress near Chesterfield, in Derbyshire.

More than 50 head of cattle were taken to the Wenaha national forest last week by C. L. Jamison of the Farmers' Saving bank of Walla Walla. The stock is owned by a number of farmers and dairymen. The bank organized a pasture club, provided registered bulls, insured the stock for half its value, paid all fees and assessments and will return the cattle to the owners this fall at a nominal charge.

# RAILWAY COMBINES PROPOSED BY HINES

Director Says Public Ownership  
Only Other Solution.

## HIGHER RATES LOOM

Government Official Tells House Committee Roads Need More Cash,  
But He Opposes Rate Rise.

Washington, D. C.—Director-General Hines outlined to the American Short Line railroad association convention here Tuesday his plan for a solution of the railroad problem, under which the railroads would be consolidated into from 12 to 20 great systems under government regulation sufficiently definite as to attract private capital and affording protection to the weaker roads. The only alternative to such regulation, he declared, would be public ownership, for under any other plan private management would be doomed to ultimate failure.

The director-general said each system must be made up of some of the stronger roads and some of the weaker ones, be of a highly competitive character and have government representation on its directorate.

A workable basis on which a proper return on the valuation of the railroad properties could be ascertained, was essential, Mr. Hines declared, adding that excess earnings should be divided between the railroads and the government.

Prompt action by congress in providing for the future of the railroads was necessary, in Mr. Hines' view, as the present situation causes the public to suffer.

Only by increased rates can the government-controlled railroads meet operating expenses, Director-General Hines told the house appropriations committee. He is opposed to any increase at this time, however, because it might advance the cost of necessities of life.

Mr. Hines, who appeared to ask for \$1,200,000,000 additional for the railroad administration's revolving fund for the remainder of this calendar year, declared that while wages of railroad employees had been increased 51 to 52 per cent during government control, they now were only "reasonable and fair." He added that he could see no prospect of reducing them.

The present wages were based on corresponding rates in industry, Mr. Hines said, and while the increases were in part responsible for the government loss in operating the lines, part of the loss was represented in increases of from 55 to 70 per cent in equipment costs.

## PHILADELPHIA SAID TO BE PLOT CENTER

Washington, D. C.—Investigation of the bomb explosions in eight cities, which were intended to kill public men, has convinced secret service chiefs here that the outrages had a common source, and that they probably can be classed as an unsuccessful attempt on the part of a still unknown anarchistic group to resume a campaign of terrorism begun with the May day attempt to deliver a series of infernal machines through the mails out of New York.

Washington police Tuesday devoted efforts to reassembling fragments of the man who was killed at the door of Attorney-General Palmer's home, while attempting to plant his cargo of explosives.

Police at New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Newtonville, Mass.; Boston and Paterson, N. J., were engaged in the widespread hunt. Detectives were sent from Washington to the first two named cities in order to connect up operations.

The hat of the Washington bomber, purchased in Philadelphia, and other details, indicated a possibility that the consignment of explosives had been sent out from there. Another connecting link in the view of authorities here was the similarity of the anarchists handbills found near the scene of the explosions in several cities.

## Rate Measure is Favored.

Washington D. C.—The senate interstate commerce committee by unanimous vote ordered favorably reported a bill, restoring at once the rate making powers of the interstate commerce commission. The bill amends the railroad control act so as to give the commission complete authority to set aside, change or modify all rates, fares, classifications and regulations initiated by the president during the period of government control.

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the Pacific & Eastern railroad stock Wednesday evening at Medford, it was decided to finance the proposition with local capital and have the complete control of the road at home.

Taking advantage of a brief absence from the building of all the force of the sheriff's office, two prisoners confined in the county jail at Pendleton Thursday broke jail by sawing their way through the bars of a back window.

One of the biggest liquor hauls of the year was made early on morning last week on the state highway south of Bend, when Sheriff S. E. Roberts and Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon stopped the car driven by John Rogers of Pendleton, finding four cases of whisky.

An active campaign throughout Linn county this week in behalf of the proposed \$600,000 bond issue for road improvement was decided upon at a meeting of the Linn County Good Roads association in Albany Thursday. It is proposed to hold meetings in all sections of the county.

After filing a petition bearing 250 signatures asking a recall election at the annual school meeting June 16 with the intention of ousting Carl A. Johnson, member of the Bend school board, the petition signers were informed that Mr. Johnson will go out of office before he can be recalled.

As a trophy of the conquests in which her sons participated, and of her own driving annihilation of the victory liberty loan quota, in the fifth and last campaign, Portland is soon to possess a captured German cannon—one of the few awarded to cities which led the loan in the several districts.

The Bay City sawmill Thursday announced it had met the prevailing minimum schedule of \$4 per day for common labor and declared a night shift will be added at the mill Thursday. The mill was unable to operate on night schedule on attempting to recently, because the wages were too low.

At the annual meeting of the Polk County Fruitgrowers' association held in the commercial club room in Dallas, the following officers were elected to manage the affairs of the organization during the coming year: President, H. C. Eakin; vice-president, Henry Voth; secretary, Frank V. Brown; treasurer, N. L. Guy.

John R. Smith, a mining prospector who has delved in the out-of-the-way places in Coos and Curry counties for the past seven years, has disposed of a placer claim on Rock creek, southern Coos, for \$10,000. Mr. Smith has investigated every mineral belt in districts mentioned and opened many prospects.

Nearly 1000 applications have already received by the real estate department from realty brokers who want to take out licenses for the current year. C. V. Johnson, who has been appointed manager of the real estate department by Insurance Commissioner Wells, began his duties Thursday.

The professional hobo and the seeker for adventure and hunger who go about the country looking for handouts was almost unknown on Coos Bay until two youth, 18 and 21 years of age, trudged into the city the other night, en route from Los Angeles to "somewhere," and asked the city police for lodgings.

Figures compiled by State Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells, taken from the annual reports of insurance companies operating in Oregon, show that investments of all such concerns up to December 31, 1918, amounted to \$35,135,000. This figure does not include liberty bonds allotted to Oregon insurance offices or real estate owned by local fraternal societies.

After holding up three employees Wednesday and robbing the Bank of Haines of \$3115 in currency, a lone robber gave his victims their choice of being locked in the vault, which might have meant death by smothering, or taking an oath on a Bible that they would not leave the bank or give an alarm for 30 minutes. The three took the oath and kept it. The holdup occurred after banking hours. The bandit escaped in a taxicab.

Plans for the enlargement of the Moore hotel at Seaside, purchased Saturday last by a coterie of business men of that city from Dan J. Moore, proprietor for the past 15 years, include the construction of a \$200,000 hotel structure, according to John L. Etheridge of Portland, who negotiated the deal for the purchasers. The price paid for the property, Mr. Etheridge reveals, was \$75,000, comprising a cash payment of \$20,000, the remainder to be paid within six months.

## LUMBER BUSINESS IS GOOD

Stocks in West Coast Mills Are Badly Broken, Says Report.

Seattle.—Commercial lumber business has resumed in good volume, according to a statement issued Thursday by Robert B. Allen, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The recovery, however, he said, has not yet reached the \$26 average to which the war industries board declared it was entitled, and costs since the signing of the armistice have increased 23 cents a thousand feet.

Lumber stocks in West Coast mills, the statement adds, are badly broken. The association's stock report showed flooring stocks 65 per cent of normal, ceiling 45 to 87 per cent of normal, door siding from 52 per cent below normal to 20 per cent above, finish lumber from 32 below to 8 above normal, and other lumber grades similarly affected. During April stocks decreased 1.63 per cent.

During December, January, February, March and April, the statement said, the lumber industry absorbed extremely heavy losses, but recently prices have stiffened until discount sheets show an advance of \$6 or more in nearly all grades. Actual average sales, however, are somewhat below this advance, it was stated.

## Cherries Open at 7 Cents.

Yakima.—The 1919 cherry market opens with a quotation 2 cents higher a pound than a year ago, although the crop was scant then, while this season it is about normal. Buyers for Libby, McNeill & Libby are in the field for good stock at 7 cents a pound, although it is not yet determined how many cherries they will try to handle at the big cannery. Chicago buyers are ready to take any amount of fruit offered.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland.—Wheat—Government basis, \$2.20 per bushel.

Flour—Patents, \$11.45 delivered, \$11.30 at mill; bakers', \$11.15@11.30; whole wheat, \$10.25@10.40; graham, \$10.05@10.20.

Millfeed—Mill run f. o. b. mill, carlots, \$37@38 per ton, mixed cars, \$37.50@38.50; ton lots or over, \$39@40; less than ton, \$40@41; rolled barley, \$60@62; rolled oats, \$61; ground barley, \$60.

Corn—Whole, ton, \$75; cracked, \$77. Hay—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$36@37 per ton; alfalfa, \$28; valley grain hay, \$26@28; clover, \$26@28.

Butter—Cubes, 92-score, 59c; 91-score, 58½c; 90-score, 58c; prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 60c; cartons, 61c; half boxes, ¼c more; less than half boxes, 1c more; butterfat, No. 1, 59@60c per pound, station.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 45c; candled, 46c; selects, 48c.

Poultry—Hens, 35c; broilers, 32@35c; geese and live turkeys, nominal; dressed turkeys, 40@45c.

Veal—Fancy, 19c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 26c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$4@5.50 per box; strawberries, \$2.50@5.25; cherries, \$2.50 per box, 17½@20c per pound; cantaloupes, \$4.50@12 per crate.

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$3.50@5.50 per 100 lbs.; lettuce, \$2.25@2.50 per crate; peppers, 30c per pound; artichokes, 90c; cauliflower, \$3.25; beets, \$2.50 per sack; carrots, \$3.50 per sack; turnips, \$2.25@3.50 per sack; cucumbers, \$1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, \$3.50@4.50 per box; spinach, 8c per lb.; peas, 12½@15c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.75 per box; asparagus, \$2@2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, best \$1.60@1.75; new California, 8@9c per pound.

Onions—Brown, \$3.75 per crate; white, \$4.75 per crate; red, 5½c per pound.

Hops—Oregon, 1918 crop, 45c; 1917 crop, 27@28c; 1916 crop, 15@17c per pound; three-year contracts, 30c, 28c, 25c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 40@57c per pound; valley, 30@50c per pound.

2, 6½c per pound; grease, No. 1, 6½c; No. 2, 5½c per pound.

Cascara Bark—New, 10c per pound.

Grain Bags—In carlots, 13c.

Cattle—Best steers \$12.00@13.50; Good to choice steers, 11.00@11.50; Medium to choice steers, 10.00@11.00; Fair to good steers, 8.75@9.75; Common to fair steers, 7.75@8.75; Good to ch. cows, heifers 10.00@11.50; Med to good cows, heifers 6.50@7.50; Fair to med cows, heifers 4.50@5.50; Canners, 3.00@4.00; Bulls, 6.00@8.50; Calves, 9.00@13.00; Stockers and feeders, 7.00@10.00; Hogs—Prime mixed, 19.50@19.85; Medium mixed, 19.00@19.50; Prime mixed, 19.75@20.00; Medium mixed, 19.50@19.75; Rough heavies, 18.00@18.75; Pigs, 17.75@18.25; Sheep—Prime sprg lambs 14.00@15.00; Fair to medium lambs, 12.50@13.25; Yearlings, 9.00@9.50; Wethers, 8.00@8.50; Ewes, 6.00@8.00.

# BOMBERS BUSY IN 8 EASTERN CITIES

Attorney General Palmer Home  
Object of One Attack.

## PUBLIC MEN TARGET

Mayor of Cleveland, O., Federal Judge  
at Pittsburg and Others Marked.  
Radical Blown to Atoms.

Washington, D. C.—Another attempted reign of terror, directed chiefly against public officials who have been active in their prosecution of enemy aliens and other radicals, was launched shortly before midnight Monday night.

A bomb explosion which damaged the residence of Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer, in the fashionable northwest section of Washington, but which apparently resulted only in the death of the bomb planter, was followed at brief intervals by similar explosions in seven other cities in a belt extending from Cleveland to Boston.

Besides Washington, Cleveland and Boston, cities in which bomb outrages occurred were Pittsburg, Paterson, N. J., West Philadelphia, New York and Newtonville, Mass.

West Philadelphia and Pittsburg were subjected to two separate explosions.

The similarity of the reports received from the various cities recalled to the authorities the May-day bomb plot of a month ago.

The bomb planted under the steps of the home of the attorney-general at 2132 R. street wrecked the dwelling, smashed in the windows of adjoining houses for a block, but injured no one within the Palmer residence.

An empty suitcase found near the entrance and a handbill signed "the anarchistic fighters," printed on red paper, worded in inflammatory fashion and serving notice of the intent of its authors to begin general war on leaders of society, was the only clew available at a late hour.

Instantly upon receipt of the news of the attempt on the lives of other leading men in other communities, Major Pullman ordered special guards sent out to the residences of cabinet officers and prominent men in the government.

Mr. Palmer and other members of the family were at home, but escaped any injury, though the front of the residence almost collapsed with the force of the explosion. They were on the second floor preparatory to retiring at the time.

As in Washington, the bomb plot in Boston was directed against a public official. He was Justice Albert F. Hayden, of the Roxbury municipal court, who recently handed down decisions in riot cases, in which more than 100 men and women were arraigned in connection with a radical demonstration in the Roxbury district on May day.

In Cleveland also plotters attempted to take the life of a public man, Mayor Harry L. Davis.

Two explosions occurred in Pittsburg. The first damaged the residence of United States District Judge William H. Thompson and the homes of three prominent business men located nearby.

In this explosion C. J. Cassidy, an official of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company, and his wife and four children were hurled from their beds by the force of the explosion. The other Pittsburg explosion occurred in the west end district, where W. W. Sibray, chief inspector of the bureau of immigration there, was hurled from his bed.

In Paterson, N. J., the home of Max Gold, a silk manufacturer, was damaged and windows within a wide radius broken. No one was injured.

The Philadelphia police said that the two explosions there were attributed to two men in an automobile who were seen to pass the rectory of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Victory in West Philadelphia, and the home of Louis Jagielky, a jeweler, eight blocks away, where the two explosions occurred. Three women were injured.

## Railways to Divide Costs.

Washington, D. C.—Validity of the Washington state law of 1913 authorizing the state public service commission to apportion between two or more railroads crossing each other, the cost of making the crossing was Monday upheld by the supreme court in deciding a suit appealed by the commission growing out of a dispute between the Northern Pacific and the Puget Sound and Willapa Harbor Railroad companies.